

May  
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1939

Rev. Russell F. Pederson,  
Box 275,  
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

I deeply regret the delay in responding to your recent letters. Dr. Morse was busy with Board meetings all last week and I was unable to confer with him until Thursday when I sent you the following wire:-

BOARD AGREES TO PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF FALCONER BEGINNING WITH  
DATE OF SWANSONS RESIGNATION NO ADDITIONAL MONEY AVAILABLE  
THIS YEAR

This, you will note, is in keeping with Dr. Somerndike's letter of March 13th to which you referred in your wire.

Both Dr. Morse and I were somewhat puzzled by your reversal of the recommendation of Presbytery regarding the employment of Eugene Bromley during Mr. Swanson's absence at General Assembly. It seems strange that Mr. Christiansen should now refuse to make the trip to the Young People's Conference with Mr. Bromley and his son in charge of the Princeton.

The funds are not available this year for the employment of Mr. Falconer in addition to Mr. Swanson. If the Presbytery is agreed on Mr. Swanson's resignation, however, then Mr. Falconer may be appointed as the operator of the Princeton beginning with the date set by Mr. Swanson for his resignation.

I hope I am making this matter clear. I have included in the budget askings for Alaska for next year an item covering the salary of the general missionary whom Dr. Somerndike contemplated appointing. If this grant is allowed, we can then proceed with the carrying out of Dr. Somerndike's plan. However, I am quite sure the Board will not approve a larger grant than would be required for a native worker to serve at Hydaburg. I am therefore wondering just what Mr. Swanson has in mind in anticipating a transfer to this field.

At the meeting of the Board last week, Dr. Everitt B. King was elected successor to Dr. Somerndike in charge of the Alaska work. I do not know yet whether Dr. King has indicated his acceptance of the appointment. In any case, however, we would not expect Dr. King to assume his new office until the early Fall.



Regarding the matter of the disposition of the "A. L. Lind-sley", I wish to say that since all insurance matters are handled through Mr. Tribus' office, I have turned over to them all of your correspondence on this subject. They inform me that they have already obtained a settlement, and the matter of the disposal of the boat and the bill for towage submitted by the Anderson Marine Ways is under consideration. They will write you just as soon as they have something definite to report.

Mr. Fisher is a student at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary who was anxious to spend his summer in Alaska. Since Dr. Somerndike was correspondingly anxious to build up the work at Kasaan and other outstations, he inquired of Mr. Christiansen whether he thought it would be possible to assign Mr. Fisher to preach and develop a program at these different points this summer. Mr. Christiansen's reply came shortly before Dr. Somerndike's death, indicating that Mr. Fisher would have many opportunities for service. I am sure Dr. Somerndike intended to write you regarding the matter; but soon after the receipt of Mr. Christiansen's letter he was obliged to make two field trips which took him away from the office for the greater part of three weeks. Upon his return from the second trip we had him in the office only one day before his death. No doubt that is the reason Mr. Fisher carried on his further correspondence directly with Mr. Christiansen instead of through you or through this office.

Mr. Fisher is planning on leaving for the field, June 6th. I am sure the National Missions Committee will give its approval to his appointment.

Very sincerely yours,

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UNIT OF ALASKA WORK.



May  
4th  
1939

Rev. Russell F. Pederson,  
Box 275,  
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

I am wondering whether you could send me a statement regarding the relationship between the Union church and our Presbyterian church at Metlakatla - which I might pass on to one of our Board members - Mrs. Harvey Murdoch - who is deeply interested in this situation. It appears that Mrs. Murdoch was very much embarrassed last summer when upon her return from Alaska aboard the "Aleutian" one of her fellow passengers emphatically and publicly stated that the Presbyterian church at Metlakatla was nothing but a discordant factor in the community, operating simply in competition with the Union church. She further stated that the Union church was attended by the majority of the people at Metlakatla; its program was considerably broader and consequently more popular; and the amount of good done would be even greater if it were not for the interference of the Presbyterians. Not having been to Metlakatla, Mrs. Murdoch was not able to make any contradictory remarks, but she was very insistent that this report be placed on record in case - because of the shortage of funds - there should be any necessity for closing any of our Alaska work.

I of course assured her that while I had no first-hand knowledge of the situation such as Dr. Somerndike had, I was certain there could be no question of our encroachment on the territory or of our program at Metlakatla - especially since Dr. Somerndike had seen fit to recommend the building of the new manse so short a time ago. I assured Mrs. Murdoch, however, that I would write to you for a detailed report. Can you send this to me at your early convenience? Thanking you, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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Box 275  
Wrangell  
May 9th 1939

Miss Blanche Hopp  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Miss Hopp:

Enclosed you will find papers submitted by Rev. Verne J. Swanson. Mr. and Mrs. Swanson left Alaska, yesterday, enroute to the meeting of General Assembly.

*Paid 5/24/39*  
Mr. Swanson submitted salary vouchers for the months of May and June and expense vouchers for manse rent for the two months. I believe that Dr. Somerndike considered that Mr. Swanson should be allowed six weeks for attendance-at-Assembly absence. Mr. Swanson stated that he thought he should receive salary to June 30th, and that he could not be back before that date. It is in your hands.

Mr. Swanson asked me to inform you that "In case he is to resume missionary work at Princeton operator after July 1st, he desires to be assured of another field after the new boat operator is broken in, that he would not dogmatically say it must be so, but he would appreciate it if it were so."

Mr. Philip Falconer informed us that he was sorry but he could not accept the position as layman boat operator now. I understand that he had waited as long as he deemed wise before accepting another position with a fish buyer, and now felt he would not be doing right by his employer to resign before fall.

Mr. Jack Falconer, brother of Philip Falconer, who has Captain's papers, has made application for the position. I offered him employment for one month with the thought that he would be meeting the members of the National Missions Committee and we could better make our recommendation as to whether he should be recommended for longer employment. I have not received his answer to my last communication.

We endeavored to get Rev. David Waggoner to serve as the "Master" of the Princeton during the student and conference trips, but he declined on account of several pressing Juneau Church responsibilities. Several of the ministers of the Presbytery asked me to take the responsibility during this period when so many young people would be on board the Princeton. They seemed to be urgent. I have had a "Boat operator's license" for fourteen years, and can legally operate a boat carrying passengers.

*My friend*  
Although our program in Wrangell is keeping me busy, I felt that this emergency called for me to accept direct responsibility for the Princeton, and I have registered as "Master" of the Princeton with the U. S. Customs. I laid the Princeton up in the harbor here in Wrangell and put the helper to work cleaning and painting the outside of the boat.



12th  
May 9th/39

Dr. Thorne agreed with me that the outside of the boat is a terrible sight. He hoped we could get her painted before he took his pictures. If the weather clears so that the hull will dry at all, we'll get some paint on. We have had so much rain that most of the boats look pretty bad.

The 16th, I plan to start for Sitka with the Princeton to make the first trip with students on the scheduled date of May 19th. Dr. Thorne will be with us and we'll land him in Wrangell the evening of the 20th. He has consented to preach for me the morning and evening of the 21st while I will be delivering students to Ketchikan and Metlakatla. Then we'll return to Wrangell and to Sitka with Dr. Thorne accompanying the second student trip. I am planning on a day at Craig and Klawock so that Dr. Thorne may have a good opportunity to look in on the Kaipers.

*Paint*  
*8/16/39*  
Herein is an expense voucher for \$21.85 covering paints and oils, brush and sandpaper which materials are necessary in the work on the Princeton, also included a spark plug.

You will also find an expense voucher for \$26.85 which is as indicated for telegrams, postage, travel expense as N. M. Chairman.

Last night heavy rains began anew. Seems like this spring is about the wettest we have seen. I wish the rain would stop for a couple of weeks for we have not only the Princeton to paint, but there is lots of work we wish to get done around the church and manse. Our Ladies' Aid Society authorized the replacing of fourteen squares of the sidewalk leading from the street to the church. The walk has been prepared for concrete pouring, but it looks like we would have to put up some tents to keep the rain off long enough for the cement to set. We have put in a few flowers, and hope to be able to plant the bulbs soon.

Herein is the schedule Dr. Thorne and I worked out, and Mr. Swanson thought we should be able to accomplish. Today I had a wire from Dr. Thorne stating he would use the boat SJS between commencement and conference for an extended visit to Haines. I have asked him to please make the first student trip before he goes to Haines. We'll work out the schedules the best we can, and hope that Dr. Thorne gets much favorable weather.

We wish that you and Dr. Somerndike's successor could make a visit long enough to travel on the Princeton to the several missions. Then we all would have a better conviction that you would realize we are trying to serve.

With best wishes for your success and joy in all your work.

Sincerely,

*Harold F. Peterson*



Wrangell, Alaska  
May 8th 1939

Brethern:

Here is the schedule which we worked out with the hopes that it may prove somewhere near satisfactory to all the missionaries and to the photographic program of Dr. Thorne and his party:

Leave Sitka with students 2 p.m. May 19th

Angeon 10 p.m. 19th

Kake 6 a.m. 20th

Petersburg 1 p.m. 20th

Wrangell 6 p.m., 20th. ---Leave Dr. Thorne to preach Wrangell, the 21st and get pictures at Wrangell Institute

Ketchikan 7 a.m. 21st.

Metlakatla 9 a.m. 21st.

Arr. Wrangell 10 p.m., 21st

Leave Wrangell 4 a.m., 22nd

Sitka 8 a.m., 23rd

Klawock about noon the 24th

Craig 2 p.m., 24th.

Leave Hydaburg the morning of the 25th)

) Gather delegates at the tin  
the students are let off.

Leave Metlakatla 6 a.m. the 26th

Ketchikan 8 a.m. the 26th

Wrangell 7 p.m., 26th

Petersburg midnight the 26th

Kake 7 a.m. 27th

Angeon 2 p.m. or 4 p.m. the 27th

Todd Cannery 5 p.m. the 27th where the boat S.J.S. will take over all the south end delegates to conference

Arrive Haines 8 a.m. the 28th and allow Dr. Thorne from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to photograph

Leave Skagway 7 p.m. the 28th  
HAINES

Auk Bay 5 a.m. the 29th

Hoonah 11 a.m. the 29th

Arrive Sitka midnight the 29th.

Pederson gives me this opportunity to greet the gang and wish you a successful and happy conference. I feel that inasmuch as Falconer and Waggoner were unable to take over the Princeton that Pederson is my next choice for the job. Good voyage--

Am planning on leaving Wrangell for Sitka about the morning of the 16th and stop enroute at Angeon. Hope you will have patience with me as I know that I cannot serve as satisfactorily as Verne. Am thankful that Eugene is so willing to see these student and conference trips through.

Sincerely,



Apr 11 1939

## DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONARY OPERATION

The following recommendations have been approved by the Cabinet of the Department of Missionary Operation and the Administrative Council and are presented to the Board for approval:

## PROPERTY

## Unit of Work in Alaska

At the village of Saxman, Alaska, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Alaska, we have a congregation served by the Rev. Donald G. Christiansen, pastor of the Church in Ketchikan. There is a small church building in Saxman, the title to which is in the name of the Board of Home Missions. The building is in a very poor state of repair and the total property is valued on our books at \$2,000. The minister in charge does not feel that the significance of the work there is great enough to warrant the Board in spending any considerable amount in repairing this church property.

The United States Forest Service and the C.C.C. have been carrying out many public improvements in this vicinity including the building of several new roads, one of which runs alongside of our church property.

It has been proposed that if the Board would agree to turn this property over to the village of Saxman, the Forest Service and the C.C.C. would remodel the property and make it into a substantial and useful building. While the church under these circumstances would become a community enterprise it could be specified that it must always remain under the ecclesiastical control of the Presbytery of Alaska.

It is the recommendation of the minister in charge and of the National Missions Committee of the Presbytery of Alaska that the Board agree to transfer this property to the village of Saxman under the above stated understandings.

IT IS RECOMMENDED, therefore, that the Board agree to transfer the property as recommended and that the proper officers of the Board be authorized to sign the necessary papers.

## Unit of Educational and Medical Work-

1. That the following grants be made from the Sago Upkeep Fund for repairs on Sago Memorial buildings:

Presbyterian Hospital, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Sago Wing - repairing roof beams .....\$325.  
painting and repairing scroons250.

3575.

Marina Neighborhood House, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

Reroofing building ..... 750.

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Box 275  
Wrangell  
May 15th 1939

Miss Blanche Hopp  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Miss Hopp:

You will be noting that the enclosed monthly voucher for Eugene Bromley is *made* out for \$80.00 instead of the usual \$60.00. *For 5/26/39*

Please approve this voucher with the understanding that the accumulated vouchers for salaries of boat helper and operator between now and September will not be more than has been approved in the budget.

In my next letter I will present an outline of just how the National Missions Committee recommends that the operation be arranged. Am meeting Mr. Bromley and Mr. Webster this week to go over things with them.

Eugene Bromley had an opportunity to go to work for a higher salary with one of the corporations as a storekeeper, but he is willing to stay a month with us till we have the new captain acquainted with the equipment on board the Princeton. He felt that he should be entitled to the raise to rate of \$100 a month beginning with May 16th, and I agreed with him. *Sincerely, Russell F. Pederson*



Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Box 275  
Wrangell, Alaska  
May 15th 1939

Dear Miss Hopp:

Monthly Narrative

The past month has been a very busy time: the school year is coming to a close in Wrangell and out at Wrangell Institute.

Last Monday, when we were having the picnic for the Week Day Bible School classes, the questions was asked as to when the Vacation Bible School would open. We have been planning for a good Vacation Bible School, June 5th to 16th.

We are thankful that one has an opportunity to see the fruit of pastoral work. Our promotion of the Home Department is bringing fruit. Twelve of the Home Department members, young married women are responding with a closer touch in the church. They have started a regular Bible study club meeting in the church parlor. Their first session was of women only. The second time they brought their husbands, and the husbands witnessed that they enjoyed the Bible study and the social fellowship. They meet again tonight. Those living out of town are arranging for transportation for themselves and guests. We feel that this group is one of our real opportunities.

The Ladies Aid Society has financed renewal of all the broken blocks of concrete in the church sidewalk. The contractor completed the renewal of fourteen squares this evening, and that means that half our church sidewalk is new.

It has seemed necessary for me to go with the Princeton to Sitka tomorrow to assist the crew with the transportation of S. J. S. students. I expect to be in Wrangell again the 20th in time for Sunday services the next day. This trip will give me an opportunity to meet with several of the missionaries and talk over matters of importance. It may be that we'll plan to travel the next week with the Princeton to touch some more of the churches.

We are anticipating the visit of Dr. F. R. Thorne. He has promised to be here to photograph a church wedding. This will be the first church wedding in the new building, and it promises to be quite an affair, the 9th of June.

Sincerely,

*Russell F. Peterson*











Miss Hopp

May 26, 1939

Rev. Russell F. Pederson  
Wrangell  
Alaska

My dear Mr. Pederson:

Lindsley Boat

Your letter of May 12th, addressed to Miss Blanche Hopp, has been referred to me inasmuch as I have handled the matter of obtaining a settlement of the claim in connection with the destruction of the above boat.

From the correspondence which the Board had with the insurance representatives, and various representatives of the Board in Alaska, the Board after careful review and consideration of all facts, agreed to accept the settlement offered of \$4,250, and to sell the remains of the boat to Anderson Marine Ways for \$250. This amount of \$250 was deducted from the bill covering the charges for towage, etc., submitted by Anderson Marine Ways.

May we just explain that the Board offered the remains of the boat to the Sheldon Jackson School, but the school did not want it. May we remind you that you wrote us and suggested that the Board try for a settlement of between \$3,000 and \$3,400. In a telegram last March, you stated that the restoration bid made by Anderson Marine Ways for \$2,500 plus some additional costs was high price. The Board, however, collected \$4,250 plus \$250 making a total of \$4,500. Had the Board collected \$3,400 (the highest amount suggested by you) and collected the proceeds of sale of \$500 which you mention in your letter of May 12th, the total would amount to only \$3,900 which is less than the amount obtained in settlement. We feel that the Board agreed to the settlement it obtained only after careful consideration and study of the information furnished by the insurance representatives, by you, and other interested parties in Alaska.



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Rev. Russell F. Pederson

We have written to the U. S. Customs Service in Alaska and have sent a copy of the Bill of Sale, the original of which was sent to Anderson Marine Ways. We think this procedure will be in order. If not, we shall be glad to do whatever is necessary to satisfy the U. S. Customs Service.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours

C. H. Wonnacott, Treasurer

By

L. H. Tribus, Asst. to the  
Treasurer

LHT/HD



May  
26th  
1939

Rev. Russell F. Pederson,  
Box 275,  
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

Your letters of May 9th and 15th have just been received, together with the various reports and vouchers.

I am requesting the Treasurer's Office to pay the salary vouchers of Mr. Swanson for the months of May and June, and also the expense vouchers for manse rent for the two months. I am wondering, however, why Mr. Swanson has discontinued sending his remittances covering the rental receipts.

Regarding Mr. Swanson's desire to take up work in one of our Alaska fields after the new boat operator is broken in, I am afraid we cannot make any definite promises to him in this direction - unless of course Mr. and Mrs. Kaiper decide to give up the work at Klawock. We included in our budget askings for the new year beginning October 1st the salary of a full-time missionary to serve both Craig and Klawock, at \$1525 per year and expense allowance of \$150. Of course if the Kaipers discontinue their work, this grant would be available for Mr. Swanson provided your Committee approved his appointment and he was acceptable to both these fields.

The only other vacancy for which we were able to provide in Alaska Presbytery was the appointment of a native worker to serve at Hydaburg at a salary of \$500 for eight months' service. In all other respects the budget for the new year is exactly the same as for the current year. I think we were very fortunate to be able to secure the same allowance in view of the cut which it was necessary for the Budget Committee to make in the general budget in order to keep expenses down to the very minimum because of the decrease in income. I am enclosing herewith a list of the grants in Alaska Presbytery. You will see that no additional amount was allowed for the running of the Princeton or for the maintenance of the Juneau native church. The amount available simply did not allow the Budget Committee to increase our budget in order to take care of these items.



I know that Dr. King will be very sympathetic with the Alaska work for he has expressed a deep interest in it. And I want to assure you that I personally have done all in my meagre power here to try to accede to your various requests. The money just isn't available so I simply could not send you any encouragement. I do hope you understand.

I think it was very fine of you to offer to operate the Princeton during the period of Mr. Swanson's absence. We are going to depend on you to work out the matter of the Princeton operator and still keep within the amount available. I know this will be a tremendous job but if anyone can do it, you can!

I don't know where I'm going to get the money to pay your voucher for \$21.85 covering paints, oils, etc., but I shall certainly try. No allowance having been made for these repairs makes my job a little more difficult, but I think I can see you through this time!

Inasmuch as Mr. Tribus handled the whole matter of the disposition of the Lindsley, I referred your letter regarding it to him. He will undoubtedly write you direct. I am so sorry so much confusion and misunderstanding resulted in connection with this matter.

At the meeting of the Board last month the transfer of our church building at Saxman to the village of Saxman was approved with the understanding that the Forest Service would remodel the property and make it into a substantial and useful building, and also that the church even though becoming a community enterprise would remain under the ecclesiastical control of the Presbytery of Alaska. It was recommended that the proper officers of the Board be authorized to sign the necessary papers, looking toward this transfer.

Mr. Thorne's itinerary looks very interesting. I most certainly wish I might have accompanied him on this trip, although I assure you my interest in Alaska could not have been made greater.

With very best wishes, as always, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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UNIT OF ALASKA WORK.

P. S. A report has come to me from the Dean of Princeton Seminary, to the effect that Rev. Ralph K. Wheeler is expecting to return to the States for furlough during 1939-40. This is the first knowledge we have had about this. Can you give me any information in the matter?

B.H.



	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Travel</u>	<u>Rent</u>
Rev. David Waggoner	\$1525.00	\$100.00	
Rev. Jackson Webster	1105.00		
Rev. E. E. Bromley	1525.00		
Rev. R. F. Pederson	1242.50	75.00	
Rev. D. Christiansen	1525.00	25.00	
Rev. Edwin Knudsen	1015.00		
Rev. A. D. Swogger	1525.00		
Rev. R. K. Wheeler	1165.00	90.00	
Craig & Klawock	1525.00	150.00	
Sam G. Johnson (7 mos.)	437.50		
George Betts (8 mos.)	500.00		
Hydaburg (8 mos.)	500.00		
Rev. Verne J. Swanson	1525.00		\$360.00
Princeton Helper	720.00		
" Maintenance	500.00		
Lindsay "	150.00		
Auk Lake Travel Rev. John Glasco		120.00	
Travel Chairman Presbytery's Come.		100.00	
Presbytery Meeting		75.00	
Furlough Travel and New Missionaries		300.00	



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Miss Blanche Hopp  
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156 Fifth Ave., New York

Box 275  
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May 29th 1939

Dear Miss Hopp:

In reading the monthly statement from Rev. E. E. Bromley you likely will have noted that he stated that he is trying to fight off a feeling of depression because the boat is out of commission and he has no way of following the people and keeping in touch with them during their ups and downs as the summer's work progresses.

In the letter mailed you airmail you will have noted that we have planned for Rev. E. E. Bromley to work with Layman operator Falconer beginning the 24th of June for a month. That plan will make possible the Vacation Bible School which Mr. Bromley has been accustomed to conduct and he can do some campy visitation. This should meet his field's need for the present.

Mr. Bromley made a request for the use of the Princeton the last two weeks of June, but Dr. Thorne will not be through with his work with the Princeton until the 24th. We feel that the program set up will be satisfactory and practical.

Sincerely,

*Russell F. Pederson*



## Monthly Statement

In the interior of Alaska along the Yukon River the important event of this season is the break up of the ice in the river. With our people here in Hoonah the important event of our village activities is the break up and scattering of our people. The first indication of the season is a feverish activity along the water front. Boats are being conditioned and new ones built. Then one by one they sail out of the harbor and a quietness settles down on the few that remain for the summer.

We are trying to fight off a feeling of desolation because our boat is out of commission and we have no way of following the people and keeping in touch with them during their ups and downs as the summers work progresses.

During the weeks just before the people began to leave we had considerable interest shown in securing an adequate water supply for the village, and in cleaning up the unsanitary conditions that exist largely because we do not have running water in our homes. The plan now is to put in a water system beginning as soon as the people return this fall. Water pipe for the project is already contracted for.

*M. J. Bromley*



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May 29th 1939

Miss Blanche Hopp  
Unit Alaska Work  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Miss Hopp:

I wish that Dr. King and you could come to Alaska and visit Hydaburg, Craig and Klawock. Somehow you must visualize the wonderful opportunities of the Presbyterian Church in those communities. You must consider them now. To delay may cost us these fields which have been developed by the Presbyterians.

Hydaburg has been marked of late by unsatisfactory leadership. You will recall that a layworker was on that field. The people were so dissatisfied that they asked for the return of a retired minister who is past 70 years of age. He has done his best, but it was not sufficient. He is willing to have a good minister and wife take over the field.

Hydaburg is a community made up of three villages. The Presbyterian Church had missions in each of the villages, and when they moved to the site of the village now known as Hydaburg, we had an ordained white minister serving the field.

Right now Hydaburg has a \$140,000 salmon cannery nearing completion. The superintendent will be ready to pack fish by July 31st. Many people other than the residents of Hydaburg are being employed. No other church has any work in that community. The superintendent of the cannery is a friend to the Presbyterian missions. Last week, he earnestly pleaded with us to try to get an ordained worker on that field. He told us a fact which must be carefully considered, "UNLESS THE PRESBYTERIANS QUICKLY LEAVE HYDABURG, ANOTHER DENOMINATION WILL COME IN, AND THAT WILL HAPPEN SOON."

Rev. and Mrs. Verne J. Swanson have expressed their willingness to serve at Hydaburg. The members of the National Missions Committee are willing that Mr. and Mrs. Swanson be given an opportunity to see whether they can make good on a regular field. We have not enquired whether the field of Hydaburg wishes the Swansons. We felt that we must first be informed that there is sufficient in the budget for the salary. If Hydaburg is whole heartedly for a certain minister, I am certain that they will raise at least \$10 a month toward the salary. They locally raised \$120 for Rev. S. G. Davis' salary the past year.

If you could see your way clear to the appointment of a regular ordained minister, I would be glad to go to Hydaburg and ascertain just what the Hydaburg Church congregation would do toward self support.

Now let us consider the field of Klawock and Craig. Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Kuyper left Klawock, May 24th. They stated they were on their way to New Haven, Conn., where he had employment for the winter. They left their goods all packed and stored in the front room of the Klawock manse.



You may have the Kaiper history in mind. You will recall that Kaipers served Klawock for about a year and then departed for the south, accepted a call to Howard, Kansas, where they stayed two or three days, started for Alaska, refused to be stopped by Mr. Gene Gould who intercepted them at the request of Dr. Somerndike. They came back to Klawock without the knowledge of the National Missions Committee, and after looking into the situation, we "reluctantly" sent a recommendation that they be allowed to serve Klawock for eight months at a salary from the Board of \$40 a month, to expire May 31st 1939.

The members of Presbytery which travelled on the Princeton and heard Mr. Kaiper's conversation and saw his reactions from time to time were convinced that he is not mentally right. The other ministers of Presbytery were fully convinced during the meetings that something is wrong. Mrs. Kaiper is a lovely, talented woman, but she cannot make up for the disappointments in her husband.

Another member of Presbytery wrote the following which has the endorsement of the members of the National Missions Committee: "Regarding Mr. Kaiper, the National Missions committee feels that his extreme nervousness and his mental and emotional instability make him unsuitable for missionary service; and we recommend that an experienced man be found for service in the difficult Craig-Klawock field."

Mr. Kaiper would not have come back to Klawock or Craig had not the appointment of another missionary been so long delayed.

If you folks at New York do not get a mighty good missionary to serve that Klawock-Craig field and get him on the field very soon, we may be faced again with worse and more harmful difficulties. The Roman Catholics have entered Klawock and are expected to erect a chapel. Our people are so disappointed with no leadership that they are wondering whether the Presbyterian Church cares for them. We must act and provide the leaders so badly needed.

I wish that I could go south and meet with Dr. King and you, and help with the visualization of the needs of the several fields, and without loss of time help locate some ordained workers, men and women with the stamina and spiritual background to make good.

Cannot we do something to save these fields which are non-competitive Presbyterian work? The young people of these communities are attending Sheldon Jackson School. We must follow up that work in which our church is making such large investment and provide trained leadership. Layworkers are not acceptable and ministers must be provided.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Hedman



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Box 275  
Wrangell  
May 29th 1939

Miss Blanche Hopp  
Unit Alaska Work  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Miss Hopp:

On the authority of your letter of May 1st we employed Mr. John G. Falconer as layman operator of the S/s Princeton, at the salary of \$125.00 per month, beginning May 15th.

Mr. Falconer has had years of boat experience, has a pleasing personality, is a positive Christian, and has a desire to participate in the Christian missions in which his mother and father have so many years of their life. He is a member of the University Presbyterian Church of Seattle. His wife and son are living in Ketchikan and they expect to locate wherever the boat missionary to be appointed may have his residence.

We noted your statement, "No additional money available this year." Our problem was to plan the operation of the Princeton with the amount in the budget not obligated to Rev. Verne J. Swanson. We understood that his salary goes on to July 1st. His resignation was of that date, that is June 30th, 1939.

### APPROPRIATED:

Verne J. Swanson, July 1st to Sept 30, \$381.25 salary  
" " " " 90.00 rent

Boat Helper June 16th to Sept 30th, 210.00 salary  
\$691.25

### UNDER NEW PLAN:

John G. Falconer, May 15 to 31, \$68.51 salary--Dr. Thorne has agreed to pay this amount for captain during time he is using boat.

John G. Falconer, June 1st to Sept 30th, \$500.00 salary  
Boat Helper May 16th to June 15th 100.00  
\$600.00

After June 15th no helper will be required. Dr. Thorne will have his party on board the Princeton, and I will join them the 15th, and help until the 24th.

Our N. M. Committee proposes to place the Princeton at the service of Rev. E.E. Bromley for VBS work and cannery visitation in the vicinity of Hoonah, June 24th to July 24th. Rev. J.L. Webster will serve his vacation month as boat missionary July 25 to Aug 24th. Rev. D.G. Christiansen Aug 25 to Sept 30th, except during days boat must be used for student transportation to Sheldon Jackson School. We may need to employ a helper for about two weeks in September, but we'll be keeping within the budget appropriation.

My hope and prayer is that you may find a strong, consecrated ordained minister and wife to serve on the Princeton, to begin Oct 1st. They must be evangelists with ability to put on an educational program and develop the women's work as well.

Sincerely, Russell F. P.



June  
3rd  
1939

Rev. Russell F. Pederson,  
Box 275,  
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

Your letters of May 23th arrived this morning, and crossed my letter of May 20th to you in the mail. As I stated in that letter, the Board has admonished every unit of work under its supervision to keep expenses down to the lowest possible minimum in order to eliminate the necessity for salary cuts next year. You can readily understand how futile it would be under these circumstances, to request money for the creation of a new position for Mr. Swanson in serving the Hydaburg church.

I note that Mr. Swanson has definitely rendered his resignation to take effect June 30th. In view of the arrangements you have made for John Falconer to serve as the lay missionary on the Princeton during the summer, it will not be necessary to appoint a man in Mr. Swanson's place before October 1st.

As I wrote you in my previous letter, the Board was unable to enlarge the Alaska budget in order to provide for the general missionary for whose appointment Dr. Somerndike was so solicitous. As you will see by the list which I enclosed with my previous letter, we have been allowed merely the continuation of a salary for the operator of the Princeton together with the allowance for a helper such as we have had in the past. Unless Dr. King can work out some other arrangement (and I don't see how he can with the amount available), I am afraid that no change in the operation of the Princeton can be put into effect next year.

I note what you have written regarding the departure of the Aaipers. If they do not return, these two fields will be grouped together as was done in the past, to be served by one missionary. If it is satisfactory to your National Missions Committee and to the people at Craig and Klawock, Mr. Swanson might be appointed in charge of those fields. We will leave it to you to work this out, and also the appointment of the lay worker for Hydaburg beginning October 1st.

Very sincerely yours,



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Box 275  
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June 5th 1929

Miss Blanche Hopp  
Unit Alaska Work  
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Miss Hopp:

In your letter of May 26th you stated in the second paragraph, "I am wondering, however, why Mr. Swanson has discontinued sending his remittances covering the rental receipts."

Please refer to my letter of March 25th which I addressed to Dr. J. M. Somerndike on the subject of Mr. Swanson's remittance of rentals. I wrote you that Mr. Swanson said he would wait for your action following receipt of Mr. Webster's letter before making more remittals.

I do not know whether Mr. Webster wrote you a letter on the subject. He perhaps forgot about it. Mr. Swanson objected to having to send the Board the rental money which he received from tenants of the Manse which he was renting to the Board at \$30 a month.

Mr. Swanson held out remittals for the months of March, April and half the month of May. The school teachers to whom he was renting went south at about the 18th or 19th of May, and I understand that he has a woman taking care of the house but paying no rental at this time.

Sincerely,

*Russell F. Pederson*  
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Box 275  
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June 15th 1939

Dear Miss Hopp,

### MONTHLY NARRATIVE

This has been the business month yet. The first two weeks I attempted to operate the M/s Princeton and take care of the Sunday services in Wrangell. The last two weeks we have been having a wonderful Vacation Bible School.

May 15 to 20th, I continued as "Master" of the Princeton for I wanted to be quite certain that Mr. John G. Falconer would prove to be a capable man before actually turning the captainship of the boat over to him. In that period we took the first load of students from Sitka to their homes. The evening of the 20th, I turned the boat papers over to Mr. Falconer so that he could take the Princeton to Ketchikan and Metlakatla and return while I conducted church worship at Wrangell the 21st. Then early the morning of the 22nd I again boarded the Princeton, and went to Sitka. That week we took the students from Sitka to Klawock, Craig and Hydaburg, and began the gathering of the Delegates for the Young Peoples' Conference.

Just off Cape Chacon we noted that a stream of water was coming into the Princeton, and on investigation found that a large pipe had disintegrated. We plugged the hole and went on the ways at Ketchikan to renew the pipe and outlet. At the same time we had some changes made in the control of the engine. Mr. Swanson had made some false economy installations when the engine was installed. We had the oil gage, thermometer, tachometer and starter panel moved from the side of the engine to the pilot house. We did some of the work ourselves, but had to employ a mechanic as well. After working steadily from 8 a.m. the 26th to 5 a.m. the 27th we were ready to snatch some sleep. We took turns sleeping and landed at Wrangell at 3 p.m. the 27th.

I left the Princeton and Rev. D.G. Christiansen who was en-route to the Conference was the minister on board. Mr. Falconer kept going steadily, day and night running, till he landed the Conference party at Sitka, the evening of the 29th. Then he had a little rest.

We started our Vacation Bible School the 5th of June, and have had a good response in attendance and desire to learn. We were blessed with three very fine helpers all the while, and then had Mr. George F. Fisher with us for three mornings. He is a fine young man. Our prayer is that he may come to some real certainties in his thinking and theology. He told us that the Seminary has established far too many doubts. Will write you more about that subject later. We are closing our V B S tomorrow noon with a picnic at the park just south of town.

There is a great deal of work to do on the M/s Princeton for many things seem to be run down. Mr. Falconer is doing something in repairs most of the time he is not actually running.

Sincerely, *Russell F. Pederson*



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Box 275  
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June 16th 1939

Miss Blanche Hopp  
Unit Alaska Work  
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Miss Hopp:

Enclosed you will find monthly reports and some comments:

Layworker Samuel G. Johnson's report and accompanying letter hardly present the picture of the splendid work which the Angoon Presbyterian Church is doing. Their small church is filled to capacity very often, and they do need better accommodations than the present, small, one-room building affords. You will have noted that in the Spring meeting of Presbytery the recommendation was approved by Presbytery that the unexpended grant for the Angoon Church be renewed or carried over into the coming year, improvements to be made this fall. The Indian Elders at Angoon are good men and interested in progressive movements. They did much in local support in building the present church, and now they are willing to raise \$300.00 besides labor to make this addition on two sides of the church. They are praying that the unexpended grant may be carried over.

You will find herein a monthly report made out by Mr. John G. Falconer. He has given an outline of the ports made and the work done. Mr. Falconer has worked very hard during the past month and seems to prove acceptable to all.

With letter attached to salary voucher for the period May 15th to 31st there must come some explanation. Dr. Frederick R. Thorne agreed to pay this part of the salary of Mr. Falconer. When the time for payment came, Dr. Thorne said he would have to requisition that amount from New York. Mr. Falconer needed the \$68.51 at once for he has a wife and child to support, and we felt he should not be compelled to wait beyond the 1st of June, we paid him the 9th of June.

In a few days I hope to have all the student trip money collected and will make a report and remittance to you. Some of the families said they just had no money, but would pay in a few days. I told them they should take care of the obligation at once, because I had to hold up the report waiting for them. I hope to have this completed next week.

When you collect this \$68.51 from Miss Sheibley, please place it to the credit of the Princeton--account--earnings for maintenance."

Sincerely,

*Russell F. Pederson*  
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Dear Miss Hopp:

Box 275  
Wrangell  
June 19th 1939

Alaska Missions are meeting many visitors or tourists these days. We rejoice at our opportunity to present to these Christian people a view of the work as a whole as well as that in Wrangell.

The pamphlet, "Our Alaska Missions," published by the Board of National Missions in 1937 is good, and I wish that I had a hundred and fifty copies for use this summer. If you can send me 150 or any amount of copies, I can make very good use of them in promotional efforts with Christian people who are visiting our church.

We have not learned of any new material on Alaska missions prepared by our Board. If there is anything new, please have about 50 copies of each mailed to me. Yes, we could use more than that. Three large Christian tours are scheduled. We expect the Christian Fellowship Tour early in July. Then the California C.E. Union Tour is due to have a rally in our Wrangell Church, July 9th. In August there is another Christian tour under the leadership of Howard Brown of California. From time to time Christian groups drop in unannounced, and we like to be able to put something Presbyterian in their hands.

Last week the cruise director of the finest steamer making tourist cruises to Alaska accepted my invitation to come up to our church, and he was enthused as I called his attention to the fact that our church, the neon-cross lighted steeple, is the First American Church in the Territory of Alaska. He asked me for three copies of our bulletin, the Board's Our Alaska Missions, and the directory of Presbyterian Missions. He stated he wished to use the information in his lectures on the several points as to "What to See."

If there are any more copies of the old bulletin, "The Wonderful Story of Angoon", available, I would like to have about 25 copies for one of the special groups. When we are distributing such material we often suggest an offering to the Board.

We send our best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Russell F. Pederson*



June 27-Rev. Edwin Knudsen, Skagway, "We are in the midst of DVM and have a good steady enrollment of about 40. This is the first time I have used my shop in DVM and the boys are having the time of their life. It gives that added interest that shows itself in their willingness to learn their memory work and do the other things that are required. It is rather interesting to note the reaction to the worship service that is a part of the school work since we have put it, not in the beginning, but near the middle of the school session. We often hear the expressions, 'The worship service is the best time of all.' It is worked out by the students and is a part of their own expression. We talk about the things that are to be used before the service, and incorporate them as much as possible in the other part of the work. It is a great joy and everyone is having such a good time.....Our Young People were enthusiastic about the Conference and had a great time.....Jack is a fine navigator and a good cock."

Last week we visited the Vacation Bible School being conducted by Rev. and Mrs. Donald G. Christiansen. They had more than 50 children very much interested in each part of the program. They meet from 1:30 to 3:30 each afternoon. It seems that the afternoon school reaches more than the morning sessions in Ketchikan.

Rev. and Mrs. E.E. Brown are busy with a Vacation Bible School at Tetchikan. They will be meeting Dr. Fredrick Thorne and his party at Juneau for a two weeks visitation of the towns at the south end of the Presbytery. We expect them to leave Juneau the 3rd and spend the 4th of July in Ketchikan, that they will use the 5th, 6th and 7th in Metlakatla and Ketchikan. We hope that Dr. Thorne will consider that he has time go around to Hyakburg, Craig and Klawock. Craig and Klawock wish to have Dr. Thorne visit and preach, the 9th. After that we expect them to come to Wrangell for a couple of days of photography before going out to Anan Creek and LeConte to get bears and salmon in action, and the seal around the glacier.

Rev. A.B. Zwogger and Rev. Donald G. Christiansen have said that they are leaving Ketchikan the morning of the 8th to attend the meeting of Synod at Bellingham.

Mr. George Fisher went to Hyakburg on the Princeton. Two members of the National Missions Committee, Rev. E.E. Brownley and Rev. J. L. Webster, accompanied him to introduce him to Rev. S.O. Davis and the Hyakburg congregation. We believe that Mr. Fisher will prove a real fine leader for the large group of young people which will be in town during the summer season. Mr. Fisher has come to Alaska for SUMMER STUDENT SERVICES under the Unit of Rural Church Work.

A Postal Card dated June 17th carried this message, "Have 8100 miles on our LeConte so far. We are having a hot time all over. Seems as hot here as down in Florida. Will be glad to get back to the coast. We are now heading toward Los Angeles for a few days.---Verno."

WHY NOT NOW make the inventory, and send it to me? The action of Presbytery approved the following recommendation: "That each missionary make an inventory of the Board owned furnishings in his house and church, and note condition of articles, and the boat operators do the same with boat equipment and submit copy to the National Missions Committee Chairman as early as conveniently possible." Brethren, in case of fire, such an inventory is valuable.

Howard L. Brown is conducting two tours to Alaska, and he will be glad to have each of us meet his touring parties: The Prince George, 2nd week in July, and S.S. Alaska leaving Seattle, Aug 15. These Christian Endeavors bring inspiration.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson



June  
28th  
1939

Rev. Russell F. Pederson,  
Box 275,  
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

I have your letter of June 18th with its enclosures.

Regarding the unexpended grant for Angoon repairs, we are holding this as requested by Presbytery with the understanding that the required improvements will be made this Fall. I would advise that if possible this work be started even sooner, since the grant is now two years old and the Board will be questioning the need for it if it is held too long.

We have collected through Miss Sheibley the \$68.51 which you advanced to Mr. Falconer for his salary from May 15th to 31st. This amount has been credited to Princeton Maintenance.

In response to your request for literature on our Alaska work, I am sending you 150 copies of the pamphlet: OUR ALASKA MISSIONS and I have requested our Publicity Department to send you a supply of any new material that has been published on Alaska. "The Wonderful Story of Angoon", I'm afraid, is out of print; but if we can locate any copies we shall send them to you.

It looks as though you will have many opportunities to acquaint Alaska tourists with the great work of the Presbyterian Church in Alaska this summer.

Wishing you all success and with best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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Box 275  
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July 3rd 1939

Miss Blanche Hopp  
Unit Alaska Work  
Board National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Miss Hopp:

You will have received my letter of June 26th. You may wish to reread the portion thereof which has to do with the Hydaburg field.

Now is the time for action in connection with Hydaburg. Rev. and Mrs. Verne J. Swanson have expressed desire to serve that field. Rev. J. L. Webster, member of the N.M. Committee, visited Hydaburg last week, and he writes: "The Session welcomed the idea of Swansons."

Hydaburg needs an ordained minister and wife for missionary service. Mr. and Mrs. Swanson are fairly well acquainted with the people. It is true that some of us in the Presbytery have wished that Mr. Swanson had some more of the characteristics of the evangelist, but he is in good health and can do some hard work. His wife is well liked and capable.

Rev. Mr. Swanson wrote me that he would soon be passing through Wrangell on his way to a cannery where he expects to fish during the next two months.

As National Missions Committee Chairman, I believe and propose that the Board not only appoint Rev. and Mrs. Swanson to Hydaburg, but give both the Swansons and the field a definite financial challenge.

Swansons have always received their full salary from the Board. Mr. Swanson will prefer to receive his income in that sure manner. He may even write that he would like to have the field send the money they raise toward salary to the Board and the Board pay it to him. Last year the Hydaburg field paid Rev. S. G. Davis \$120 as a salary for his winter service. I believe that the field should be required to pay at least \$180 for the year beginning October 1st for the salary of their minister, and pay that amount direct as a salary. The field may state at first that they cannot raise that amount. They can attempt to do that much, and now is the time for them to make the attempt.

My proposal is that the Board appoint Rev. and Mrs. Swanson to the field at Hydaburg on a salary of \$112.08 per month with the understanding that the field is to pay \$15 per month or rather \$180 per year. The National Missions Committee agreed that Swansons should be given an opportunity to make good.

July 3/39

I am stipulating that the salary from the field be paid direct to the missionary by the church treasurer because it is my conviction that that is the one way the church will recognize that the missionary is their own responsibility.

Rev. Swogger and Rev. Christiansen are supposed to be raising certain amounts for their salary, and that is sent to the Board to be paid to them. My contention is that that plan is not good business. Their fields are not progressing toward self support when the little money raised is paid in a round about manner.

Rev. Bromley said once that if his field paid part of his salary, they would consider themselves his boss. Perhaps other missionaries feel the same way, and I return again to the point that the field will not consider the missionary as their own until they pay direct part of his monthly salary. It should be not only a responsibility but a privilege for the congregation. Such an arrangement helps the people to feel that their minister is not forced upon them. When they decide not to support the work and the worker, it is time for a new missionary.

Enclosed you will find an expense voucher for the M/s Princeton. Captain John G. Falconer should have submitted this voucher, but he will not be around here for another ten days or more, and the bill should be paid, without too long delay.

I do hope that you have contacted either Dr. Morse or Dr. King on the appointment of a missionary for the Klawock-Craig field. They need a missionary, and a good one with the best kind of a wife. Please let us have an opportunity for correspondence with them before they are actually employed. The Klawock-Craig field should be manned by September 1st at the very latest. The people are begging us for assurance that there will be a worker in their communities.

Sincerely,

*James F. L...*



July 13, 1930

Rev. Russell F. Pederson  
Box 275  
Wrangell, Alaska

My dear Mr. Pederson:

Your letter dated July third addressed to Miss Hopp arrived after she had left the office for her vacation.

Miss Hopp wrote to you on July fifth after conferring with Dr. Morse and stated that the Board is willing for you to proceed with your arrangements for providing for the Hydaburg Church according to the plan outlined in your letter of June twenty-sixth, with the understanding that no additional money will be required in excess of the budget for Alaska Presbytery which she submitted to you on May twenty-sixth.

Upon receipt of your letter of July third, I conferred with Dr. Morse and I am writing to say that we are willing to approve the appointment of Mr. Swanson to the field at Hydaburg, beginning October first, at a salary of \$1345 per year, or \$112.08 per month, from the Board with the understanding that the Hydaburg Church would pay \$15 per month, or \$180 per year, toward Mr. Swanson's salary and we agree with you in the principle that the Church should make this payment directly to Mr. Swanson.

We will depend on you to make the arrangements with the Hydaburg Church.

We have channeled the expense voucher which you enclosed for "Princeton" maintenance through to our Treasurer's office for payment.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

ALASKAN WORK  
By

HAW:PTL

June  
15th  
1939

Rev. Russell F. Pederson,  
Box 275,  
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

I am very grateful for your letter of May 31st, giving a very comprehensive description of our work at Metlakatla. I am forwarding this to Mrs. Murdoch for her information.

With sincere thanks and best wishes,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Miss Hopp:

Herewith you will find "Portion of U.S. Survey No. 1652-- Totem Pole Project of Saxman" and the letter addressed by the District Ranger, C. M. Archbold, to Rev. Donald G. Christiansen, and forwarded by him to me with <sup>out</sup> adding comment.

In the National Missions Committee meeting held in June we talked about this project. Rev. Mr. Christiansen and I visited Mr. Archbold and learned that the Forest Service is not willing to do as much in improvement as was at first understood that they had agreed to do.

You will have noted that the letter states the Forest Service plans to "place a new foundation under the building and construct the graveled walk and beautify the lot to fit in with the 'Totem Lane'."

Earlier we understood that the Forest Service would do something to improve the outside of the building, such as reshingle the structure with shakes and possibly shingle the sides with shakes; but that does not appear in the picture just now.

The building as it stands today will not be standing long as the structure is about ready to crumble. It is one disgrace to the Presbyterian Church.

We thought that it might be possible for the Board to make a grant of \$50 or \$100 for the Saxman project to be expended under the direction of Rev. Mr. Christiansen. He might be able to persuade the Forest Ranger to employ some of the CC crew in making shakes for siding the church if he has the money on hand to pay for nails and so forth.

Mr. Christiansen is doing and will do his best to get the building improved. Action should not be delayed as the CC will be getting into rapid action at the close of the fishing season next month.

Sincerely,

*Russell F. Pederson*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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IMPROVEMENT  
Saxman Totems

June 24, 1939

Rev. Donald G. Christiansen

Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Rev. Christiansen:

Reference is made to our conversation today with Rev. Pedersen of Wrangell concerning the moving of the church at Saxman in order to better its appearance and to improve the appearance of the "Totem Pole Lane":

This fall the CCC will want to move the church on to an adjoining lot as shown on the attached blue print.

Before attempting to move the church we would like to have the written permission of the Presbyterian Mission Board to make this move. The local community at Saxman are agreeable to our moving the church. We would plan on jacking up the building and placing new timbers under it. Then move the entire building proper to the new site where it can be lowered on to new foundation posts of yellow cedar. The Forest Service could make this move, place a new foundation under the building and construct the graveled walk and beautify the lot to fit in with the "Totem Lane". All of this providing the church would be considered as community property.

I would suggest that your Mission Board give me a written statement patterned somewhat after the following:

"The proposition of moving the church at Saxman from its present location on Lot 1 of Block 10 to Lot 2 of Block 10 where it will face "C" Street or "Totem Pole Lane" has the approval of this



Board. This church can be considered as the community property of the village of Saxman. The building at present is in a bad state of repair and may not stand moving. Your foremen can best determine this.

"In making this church the community property of Saxman, the Presbyterian Mission Board wishes to retain the right to keep the church a Presbyterian Church and to have all services carried on by a Presbyterian minister or a representative of the Mission Board."

A statement somewhat similar to the above will be sufficient authority for the Forest Service to go ahead with plans for moving the church.

Very sincerely yours



C. M. ARCHBOLD  
District Ranger

Enclosure

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Box 275  
Wrangell  
July 17th 1939

*Miss Hopp*  
Miss Blanche Hopp  
Unit Alaska Work  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Miss Hopp:

Yesterday Dr. Fredrick Thorne and party completed their photgraphing tour of Alaska and sailed south.

Captain John Falconer submitted a bill for diesel oil and lubricating oil for the M/s Princeton as follows:

679 gal diesel oil @ 7¢	\$47.53
7½ gal lubricating oil @ 60	<u>4.50</u>
Total	\$52.03

Dr. Thorne furnished the groceries for the trip and made a present of some equipment which he purchased expressly for Alaska wear to the boat Captain.

The operating cost bill was for the exact amount of oil used by the Princeton from the time she left her regular work to serve Dr. Thorne and his party until she reached her field again.

Bills for this oil will be turned against M/s Princeton maintenance. Therefore, please see that the Department under Miss Sheibley makes that amount available for the Princeton maintenance. Since we received your last letter, we realize that we must guard rather jealously the Princeton grant.

Dr. Thorne has sent the figures above to Miss Sheibley, but I thought you would like to have me give them to you also.

Dr. Thorne is a hard worker. I do not see how he kept up the pace and accomplished so much. We all enjoyed getting acquainted with him. Mrs. Hayes made a fine appeal to all of us. Our boys think that John Abernethy is one of the finest young men they ever met. We expect that he will be doing a great work in the ministry.

Yesterday Dr. Thorne gave a very interesting talk and message at our 60th Anniversary.

Sincerely,

*Russell F. Pederson*



Miss Blanche Hopp  
Unit Alaska Work  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Box 275  
Wrangell, Alaska  
July 17th 1939

Dear Miss Hopp:

MONTHLY NARRATIVE

The past month has had four high points. June 16th we had our closing day of the Vacation Bible School. The weather was conducive to picnicing and our young people did enjoy the afternoon at the park. We closed up the advance work in the morning and prepared for our exhibit and presentation for the service of the 18th. Because we had excellent helpers and the children gave an unusual response, we believe that this year's Vacation Bible School was the best we have had the privilege of leading. The memory work program was heavy, but the boys and girls took pleasure of studying, and know many precious passages of Scripture.

We had a National Missions Committee meeting in Ketchikan the 21st, and our Committee accomplished and came to agreement on more than we could have touched with weeks of letters.

Dr. Fredrick R. Thorne was in and out of Wrangell from the 10th to the 16th of July. We went with the party to LeConte Glacier where we had the rare privilege of a close-up view of the glacier as well as the wonder of the flocs and bergs. Then we took a day at Anan Creek studying the bears and their catching of fish. We received many close views of large black bears.

Yesterday we celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the organization of the First Presbyterian Church in Wrangell with two services of worship. Dr. Thorne was with us for the morning. He took motion pictures of the service in which four of the organizations pledged toward more pews. Then Dr. Thorne brought us a narrative of his Alaska travel and a message from the Lord's Prayer. In the afternoon we had a special service with more than a hundred visitors off a steamer, and many town's people in attendance. Mr. Howard L. Brown of California has brought his C.E. Tour to our church the 3rd Sunday in July for a number of years. They pledged toward a pew and paid about half the cost of same with their contributions. We are preparing for the visit of the Christian Fellowship Tour which is due the 20th.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson

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Box 275  
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July 18th 1939

Miss Blanche Hopp  
Unit Alaska Work  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Miss Hopp:

This morning I was much surprised by a message from Captain John G. Falconer concerning the Princeton:

HIT ROCK OFF WESTERLY ISLAND ERNEST SOUND THREE AM STOP  
HAVE BOAT ON NORTHERN MACHINE WAYS STOP ESTIMATED REPAIRS  
FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS STOP FOREFOOT DAMAGED STOP WILL TAKE  
FIVE OR SIX DAYS TO REPAIR STOP NO ONE HURT STOP PLEASE  
INFORM INSURANCE STOP LETTER IN MAIL

Mr. Falconer assisted by Rev. E. E. Bromley were enroute from Wrangell to Ketchikan. Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Pederson and the Indian girl Dr. Thorne had employed as cook for his trip were on board. Am thankful that he reported that no one was hurt.

The letter has not come so you know from the above as much as I do as to what actually took place. Will make further report as soon as I learn particulars.

This will delay the Vacation Bible Schools which Mr. Bromley and Mr. Webster were to conduct at Klawock and Craig. They can begin a week later and accomplish the same program.

Sincerely,

*Russell Pederson*

*I wired Dr L H Tubus  
to inform the Insurance  
Company.*

*7/21/39  
Miss Hopp  
reported a wire had been sent from the Presbyterian  
& said she had reported  
damage to her car.*



## Historical Data

August 10, 1877: Mrs. Amanda R. McFarland and Dr. Sheldon Jackson reached Fort Wrangel and commenced Presbyterian missions in Alaska.

August 28, 1877: Mrs. McFarland opened a school for women and girls.

August 1878: Rev. S. Hall Young arrived and began his missionary pastorate.

October 12, 1878: "The McFarland Home," school and home for girls was established.

S. Hall Young wrote in his Autobiography: "The third of August, 1879, is one of my unforgettable dates. After all the expeditions, sightseeing, planning for the church and the new McFarland Home, feasts and counsels with the Indians, this was the day when we gathered up the riper fruits of two years' seed-growing and organized the first Protestant church of Alaska. It was also the first American church of the Territory. No organization had been perfected previous to this in Alaska, except the old Russian Greek Church."

October 5, 1879: the Presbyterian Church building was occupied for the first time.

October 17, 1930: the original Presbyterian Church building was destroyed by fire, a total loss including the bell, fragments of which were later gathered and recast.

October 4, 1931: the present Presbyterian Church building was first used as a place of worship.

June 12, 1932: The Church was dedicated as a Memorial to Pioneer Christian Service, Dr. Arthur H. Limouze of the Board of National Missions delivering the sermon.



First Presbyterian Church  
Wrangell, Alaska

Rev. Russell F. Pederson, Pastor

# 60th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

July 16, 1939, 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude  
Call to Worship  
Doxology  
Invocation, Lord's Prayer  
Gloria Patri

Responsive Reading Selection 38  
Hymn 57 Holy Holy Holy

Scripture Lesson)  
Morning Prayer ) Rev. R. A. Bromley

Hymn 348 Take Thou Our Minds

Announcements

The Choir: "Still, Still With Thee"

The Offertory

Our Anniversary Pledges for More Pews  
Opportunity will be given for  
presentation of pledges.

Thanksgiving Prayer led by Mrs. Tillie  
K. Tamaree, Senior Church Member, one  
of Mrs. McFarland's early school.

The Choir: "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

The Memorial Address: Dr. Frederick R. Thorne,  
Secretary of Young People's Work of the  
Board of National Missions.

Hymn 333 The Church's One Foundation  
Benediction

On the arrival of the Prince George the  
California Christian Endeavor Union Tour  
will come immediately to the Church, this  
may be about 2 or 2:30 p.m.

Organ Prelude  
Call to Worship  
Hymn 365 Onward Christian Soldiers

Greeting and Prayer by the Pastor.

Memorial Address by Rev. Claude Richmond  
of Watsonville, California.

Christian Endeavor Songs

Message from Dr. Roward L. Brown, Leader  
of the Christian Endeavor Tour.

Recognition of missionaries and helpers  
of early days.

Chorus: "I Will Love Jesus With All My  
Heart"

Benediction

The Presbyterian Mission Boat, the  
S/S Princeton, is at the same dock as  
the ship of the Christian Endeavor Tour.  
The boat is open for your inspection.  
Captain John G. Falconer will meet you,  
and Rev. R. A. Bromley, the Missionary  
in charge will gladly give you information  
on the evangelistic program in which the  
boat is a vital part, and he will tell you  
of the Vacation Bible Schools being held  
next week at Craig and Elavock.



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Box 1481, JUNEAU, ALASKA

Box 275  
Wrangell  
July 21st 1939

Dear Dr. King:

Last night Rev. David Waggoner told me that an effort is being made to bring you to Alaska the last of next month, namely to attend the dedication of the Memorial Presbyterian Church of Juneau, August 20th.

Mr. Waggoner was given the honor of being the Moderator of our Presbytery this year as next April he is 70 years old and must retire from active service. As moderator he said that he is sending out a call for the fall meeting of Presbytery the 19th of August.

If you do come to Alaska Presbytery about that time, I do hope that I may get an opportunity for a visit with you to talk over some of the work.

With the approval of the Board I am scheduled to be absent from my field August 1st to 23rd. The California Christian Endeavor Tour invited me to accompany them on a tour of Alaska, and the Alaska Steamship Company extended a courtesy trip to Seattle and return with the C. E. party. This is giving me a real opportunity to present Presbyterian Missions to two ship loads of tourists. The southbound trip of the Columbia will give me excellent contacts, and then the northbound and round trip on the Alaska will be another extended privilege. I am using those three weeks as a vacation.

Our tour will be leaving Seattle, August 15th on the S.S. Alaska, and I will be arriving back in Wrangell, August 23rd. It will be almost impossible for me to leave the tour at Juneau. In fact it would not be right for me to consider breaking my promise and drop out just when I should be most useful. Therefore I am hoping that I may get an opportunity to see you after that date in case you do make a run up here. Mr. Waggoner stated that it is impossible for several considerations to have the meeting of Presbytery a week later, though the meeting regularly should come in September.

We do pray that God will bless and lead you in your preparation for your ministry as Executive for the Alaska work. We need your understanding and wise leadership.

Sincerely,

*Russell F. Pederson*

*Am enclosing copy of the news sheet gathered from reports and chats here and there. I send these to Presbytery members once a month.*

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Box 275  
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July 28, 1939

Miss Blanche Hopp  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Miss Hopp:

We have been going over the needs in connection with the Hydaburg manse. That manse has needed considerable repair for some time.

The sidewalk and steps, the fire place, the ceiling, the roof and the kitchen floor covering all need attention and some renewal. It will require from \$75 to \$100. If the Swansons take the field as we expect, Mr. Swanson can do the labor; but he should be allowed a grant for the absolutely necessary repairs. The Student Summer Worker at Hydaburg wrote me that no missionary can possibly live live in the Hydaburg manse in the winter without repairs and sealing being done, and I know that he is right.

We may have to ask for some appropriation for some furnishings. It will not be a large item, but some things will be necessary.

I asked each of the missionaries to prepare an inventory of furnishings of the manses and the board owned equipment in the churches. Presbytery approved the recommendation that each missionary prepare such an inventory and appraisal. So far Rev. J. L. Webster is the only one to send his to me.

An inventory and appraisal from time to time can be of great help in case of fire as well as at the time a new missionary is to take charge.

Do you believe that you can make available for property repair and equipment for manse enough for the Swansons to get by this winter? You understand of course that the Hydaburg manse has not been occupied by an ordained minister and wife for some time.

Sincerely,

  
Russell F. Pederson



Rev. D.E. Bradley, Anchorage--"We came aboard the Princeton on the 17th of June and have been acting as boat missionary since that time. We made a long trip outlined in our daily record to get the members of the National Alaskan Committee together for a meeting at Etahvikum. We then went to Hydaburg where we introduced Mr. George Fisher, a student working in the bounds of the Presbytery for the summer, and started him in his summer work. We held a one week daily Vacation Bible School at Tominkee Sunday. Since then until the present time we have been with Dr. Frederick H. Thorne and his party. We have tried to assist him in every way possible. Mr. Fulmer, our captain, has been most willing and efficient in operating the Princeton so that it would serve Dr. Thorne's purpose, and I am sure Dr. Thorne is well pleased." July 16th.

Rev. Ralph Kline Chandler, Seward--"My eyes are bothering me temporarily so please excuse the brevity of this narrative. This morning I took Captains Villard and Glasscock and Miss Johns of Seattle to Sella & they saw our Elmer and policeman very well. Then I took Mr. Hunter & Mr. Brown to take movies at the Fur Ferry.--Dr. Hunter is an Anishinabe minister making the trip on the "Yukon." Last Sunday we received from Dr. Perry of Yakima a letter of dismissal for a young soldier at Chilkoot Barracks. Miss Lawrence's niece, Harriet, has been helping greatly with our daily Vacation Bible School at the sanctuary." July 16th.

In Wrangell we have had a joyful month. The Vacation Bible School was closed with a picnic on a day which was blessed with sunshine. Instead of the excellent helpers participating and the unusually good response from the children, we believe that this year's Vacation Bible School was the best we have had. The boys and girls took pleasure in studying, and they knew many precious passages of Scripture. We had a two hour visit with Rev. and Mrs. Fred Klockner of Barrow as they sailed south. They seemed pleased to learn of developments in our Presbytery. They told us that they are to be out a whole year with privilege of attending the General Assembly in 1900. Rev. Frederick H. Thorne was rejoicing in his good fortune at arriving at Barrow on the day of the great winter storm when the Eskimos were dressed in their most colorful garments and were splendid material for filming. The weather was not too bright the few days he was at Idscote Glacier, near Creek and in Wrangell, but he hopes the pictures may turn out good. He brought the message of our 60th Anniversary celebration of the organization of the (Presbyterian) Church. He hopes that his pictures thereof turn out good. The party sailed south yesterday. Dr. Thorne and Mr. Adrethly went aboard the Prince George. Mrs. Hayes secured reservations on the California Co. E. Alice. Yesterday we had the pleasure of greeting the California Co. E. and letting them join us in our anniversary celebration. The Alaska Committee has given me the pleasure of being their guest on the S.S. Alaska leaving Seattle, August 18th, to make the tour around the triangle and back to Wrangell. Will be looking forward to seeing all the folks along the way. You know that that trip of the Alaska bridge, the second Christian Endeavor tour under the leadership of Howard L. Brown.--July 17th.

Rev. Verna J. Swenson went north last week to Good Hope. He expects to fish with George Latta. Mrs. Swenson is spending a few weeks at Valdez Talon.

Mr. George Fisher, summer student worker at Hydaburg, writes that he had a Vacation Bible School with over 60 attending each year. He writes that he has a fine staff of teachers. He will be sailing south about August 12th.



Rev. Edwin Knudsen, Skagway--"This has been a most enjoyable month not only in regards the weather but because of the fine response to our Vacation Church School. We had our school the last two weeks in June, and had an average attendance of 42. We discovered that by waiting a few weeks after school is out there is a greater interest and a better spirit in the school. A great many of our teachers came from our Young People's Fellowship. They were good help and it was a fine experience for them. The Young People's Fellowship climbed to upper Dewey (that is 15 of us did) on Monday the 10th, and spent the night. We had a good sing around the campfire before going to bed and sleeping on balsalm under the stars. In spite of clouds that would sometimes envelope us and shed a few drops of rain we had a fine time. We returned Tuesday noon. Plans are under way for the Flower Festival to be held the last week in August at which time we hope to have another class of communicants come into the membership of the church."--July 15.

The National Missions Committee has recommended that Rev. and Mrs. Verne J. Swanson be placed at Hydraburg. Plans are slowly working out.

In order that Hydraburg receive the ministry of an ordained missionary and wife during the coming year, the ministers of the Presbytery will need to make a special effort along the line of extension service. We are recommending the the boat helper salary be used to supplement the layworker salary for Hydraburg.

Some of the National Missions Committee members suggested that the ministers of the Presbytery be given an opportunity to serve a month during the year as the boat missionary. Rev. Bromley is serving at this time, and Rev. Webster comes on next. I think that Rev. Swagger will serve during October. Rev. Knudsen has written that he thinks that he could serve in January.

PLEASE let me know at your earliest convenience whether you as a minister of the Presbytery could give any time in boat missionary work, and state at least two periods which would be most convenient. That will help your committee to plan for the most practical operation of the Princeton. Our hope is that Alaska Presbytery may have a great evangelistic impetus and spirit this winter.

The Board of National Missions is confronted with no easy situation in financial support. The Board is pleading that we arouse our fields to do their best with benevolent offerings.

Many of you are acquainted with Professor A. Rasmussen, Capt of the Skagway School, elder in the Skagway Church. Mr. Rasmussen's adopted son, Richard Johnson, was drowned July 14th while gill netting salmon on the Stikine, that is near High Island. We are having a Memorial Service this coming Sunday evening.

Rev. David Waggoner was in port last night on the S. S. Alaska with a nice tour of Christian Fellowship people under the leadership of Dr. Lane of the S. S. Times.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson

Wrangell, July 21/39



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(Spokane, W. T.)

Wrangell

Aug 3/39. 97-17

Dear Miss Hall,

Herewith you will find bill from Enterprise Machine Works, Ketchikan.

These repairs and changes were necessary. I talked them over with and explained them to Mr. Gene Gould and he agreed they were urgent. The company started the work in May, but supplied the last items in July on account of delayed shipment.

If the M/S Puget Sound account is overdrawn, I suggest using the Lindsay funds.

Am showing Alaska pictures, my own film, next Sunday in Spokane, Wash., will be in Seattle, Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup>, and on my way to Alaska the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Am hoping to hear that the Board will soon have a missionary for Flawock - Craig field.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson

Aug.  
9th  
1939

Rev. Russell F. Pederson,  
Box 275,  
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

I have your letters of July 14th and 28th and August 3rd,  
just received.

I am requesting the Treasurer's Office to pay the bill of  
\$75.97 to the Enterprise Machine Works for repairs to the Princeton - but  
in view of insufficient funds in the Princeton Maintenance account to cover  
this entire bill, I am charging it as follows:-

Princeton Maintenance - \$52.56  
Lindsley Maintenance - 23.41

This leaves no balance at all in the Princeton Maintenance account and only  
\$22.50 in the Lindsley Maintenance account. I hope, therefore, that no  
bills will be incurred to overdraw this balance, if at all possible. I imagine  
that these repairs which were necessary to the Princeton were due in part to  
the accident which Mr. Falconer encountered while taking Mr. Thorne's party  
and Mrs. Pederson through the inside passage recently. In that case, we ought  
to be able to collect the amount from our insurance company.

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Now with reference to your request for a grant of \$75 or \$100  
to repair the Hydaburg manse. I am not able to make a definite promise, but I  
believe we might be able to secure this grant after the new budget goes into ef-  
fect: i.e., October 1st. I shall present the matter to the Board at that time.  
I am not able to authorize you to proceed with the repairs, however, until the  
Board has acted. I would suggest that if an additional amount will be required  
for some furnishings, you send me an exact estimate of the cost which I can pre-  
sent along with the request for the repair grant.

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Regarding your request for a grant of \$50 or \$100 to repair  
the Saxman church, I first of all question whether this amount should be ex-  
pended in view of the Board's willingness to turn the property over to the com-  
munity for use as a community church. However, if you and the other members  
of the National Missions Committee think it is wise, we are willing to let you  
use the balance of \$68 which remains in the grant allowed last September for  
Lindsley boat repairs (new cylinder head and oil-burning stove) - which of course



will not be used this year. I am afraid this is the only money available just now for any new repairs in Alaska during the current budget year. No additional funds will be available until after October 1st.

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I think your idea of securing an inventory from each missionary of the furnishings and other Board-owned equipment in their manses, is a very good one and will prove very valuable in days to come.

With very best wishes, and hoping you have a most enjoyable as well as profitable vacation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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UNIT OF ALASKA WORK.



Box 275  
Wrangell, Alaska  
August 15th 1939

Dear Miss Hopp:

Wrangell Monthly Narrative

This month began with a visit from Dr. Fredrick R. Thorne, John Abernethy, and Mrs. Florence Hayes, and we used considerable time assisting them to secure the pictures they wished for the Board of National Missions. We enjoyed their visit and are glad they were with us. Our prayer is that their pictures may be just right to be of real value in acquainting people with missions and the spirit thereof.

We have entertained a number of parties from the States. It seems that this is the time for good contacts with the travelling Christian public. Many come to our church or write to ask us to meet them and show them around. We rejoice each time that a tourist shows the Presbyterian Year Book of Prayer. Surely more of the pastors could well invite their church members to take along that fine guide book and become acquainted with the missionaries along the way.

The evening of the 23rd of July we have a Memorial Service for Richard Johnson, an outstanding young man who meant so much to the young people of the community. Richard was drowned while out gillnet fishing for salmon. His foster father, an elder, is stricken for Richard was his best. We offer our prayer for this elder who has been such great influence in the Presbyterian Church of Wrangell.

The evening of the 31st I sailed south for a short visit with my parents. Mrs. Pederson and the children were in Wrangell all the while I was away. One of the elders assisted with the prayermeetings, but Mrs. Pederson took the responsibility for the morning and evening services each Sunday. I had the privilege of showing motion pictures of our Alaska work on the SS Columbia, at the 4th Church in Spokane, and in the Knox Presbyterian prayermeeting in Spokane. Then on the 12th I attended the District Officers for Christian Endeavor in the State of Washington. The meeting was held in First Church, Tacoma. They asked me to address them on the Alaska work, and I was pleased to respond. They will furnish all the Alaska churches with their program and inspirational material issued from month to month.

Had a good visit with Mr. Gene Gould in Seattle and the evening of the 13th took my motion picture outfit to their home that Mrs. Gould who has been shut-in for some months might get a view of the work which is on her heart.

Have enjoyed the month's activities and contacts.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson



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Dear Dr. King: JUNEAU MEMORIAL PRES. CHURCH & REV. WAGGONER

Last Saturday the fall meeting of Presbytery was held in Juneau with but three ministers present: Rev. J. L. Webster, Rev. David Waggoner and me. Rev. John A. Glasse was in town but did not see fit to attend. Rev. E. E. Bromley was in the hospital recovering from an operation. No actions were taken while I was present, but Mr. Webster and Mr. Waggoner may have met later with Mr. Bromley. I went on to Skagway to spend the day with Knudsens.

Rev. Mr. Webster writes that Mr. Bromley and he agreed that we should recommend salary to Mr. Waggoner till April 1st in addition to transportation costs. I had told Mr. Waggoner and Mr. Webster that in the light of the correspondence received from the Board, it seemed to me that it would be necessary for the Waggoners to continue on the field till May 31st; that is, if the Board allows them to retire September 30th with salary to March 31st, the field would be left vacant for lack of salary for the new worker.

Rev. Mr. Waggoner claims he has two months vacation due him, and that he felt he should be allowed to retire September 30th with six months additional salary. Mr. Webster informed me that Mr. Waggoner wrote you an airmail asking reply by wire. Therefore I expect that you know more about Mr. Waggoner's plans and requirements than I.

Mr. Webster wrote that Mr. Bromley and he recommend that the Board purchase the Waggoner furniture with the exception of the refrigerator, washing machine, mangle ironer, and other items which Mr. Waggoner may sell before leaving.

Mr. Webster wrote that he asked Mr. Waggoner his suggestion regarding a successor and he suggested Rev. Donald G. Christiansen of Ketchikan. Mr. Webster believes Mr. Christiansen would do well in the Juneau Memorial Church, and suggested that I sound him out. I thought it would be wiser to write you before speaking to Mr. Christiansen on the subject. Dr. Somerndike asked me to write him before approaching candidates for a particular field, and I expect you feel the same way. Is that so? - Yes! they all mean

Rev. Mr. Christiansen is well liked among the presbyters and seems to be efficient. He has taught in several of the Y. P. Conferences and Mr. Webster has become well acquainted with him. Mr. Christiansen has gotten acquainted with many of the Indian people and would have advantage over a new man in the Territory. He is a member of the Ketchikan Rotary Club so would have a nice contact with the business men in Juneau.

Perhaps Mr. Christiansen would do well in the Memorial Presbyterian Church of Juneau. Personally I am not so sure that he



is the missionary for that important field. In case he is considered and offered the appointment I believe he should receive some very definite instruction as to the development of program and the necessity of field support. The field he is serving is difficult from the financial angle, and the Juneau Memorial Church will present the same problems. The matter of salary support will require planning and building, but the principle of at least a small portion of the salary coming from the local church direct to the minister is important.

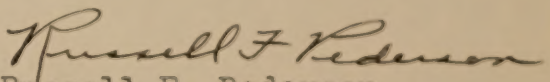
You may have had drawn to your attention that the new Juneau Memorial Presbyterian Church building is a long ways from the Manse. The Manse is far up on the hill several blocks from the Church.

It seems to me that we must plan to make a change in the residence of the missionary. The apartment in the church could be finished or a residence near the church purchased or built.

The very large house used by the Waggoners is not only too far away from the church, but it a very heavy expense in heating during the fall and winter months. It has been a subject of controversy on account of the rental which the Waggoners have been receiving. They rented out the upstairs rooms.

These items are of importance because the Juneau Memorial Presbyterian Church can be justified only by the operation on the plan of a Community Center, and the workers must be on and near the job to keep the building at work seven days and nights a week.

Sincerely,

  
Russell F. Pederson